

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Board (“R3PB”)
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 24th, 2021

A present majority of filled R3PB member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 15 members present			
Member		Attendance	
EX-OFFICIO	OFFICE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton	Office of the Lt. Governor	x	
Sharisse Kimbro (designated by Attorney General Kwame Raoul)	Office of the Attorney General	x	
Cara Bader (designated by Director Sylvia Garcia)	IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	x	
Director Ngozi Ezike	IL Dept. of Public Health		x
Director Rob Jeffreys	IL Dept. of Corrections		x
Director Heidi Mueller	IL Dept. of Juvenile Justice	x	
Dagene (day-sha-nay) Brown (designated by Director Marc Smith)	IL Dept. of Children and Family Services	x	
Director Delrice Adams	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	x	
Director Kristin Richards	IL Dept. of Employment Security		x
Director Grace Hou	IL Dept. of Human Services	x	
Leader Kimberly Lightford	Majority Senate	x	
Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth	Majority House	x	
Senator Jason Barickman	Minority Senate		x
Representative David Welter	Minority House	x	
ELECTED OFFICIALS		PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Vacant			
Mayor of Rockford, Tom McNamara (or designee Todd Cagnoni)		x	
Mayor of Champaign, Deborah Frank Feinen			x
Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin		x	
*Mayor of Cahokia, Curtis McCall, Jr.		x	
City Clerk of Chicago, Anna Valencia		x	
Aldersperson Susan Sadlowski Garza		x	
Aldersperson Michael Scott, Jr.		x	
COMMUNITY PROVIDERS		PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Sylvia Puente		x	
Jalon Arthur		x	
Donna Crowder		x	
Michael Hubbard		x	

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EXPERTS IN VIOLENCE REDUCTION	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
David Olson	x	
Kathryn Bocanegra	x	
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — OVER 24 YEARS OF AGE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Bethany Little	x	
Vacant		
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — 17-24 YEARS OF AGE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Anthony Montoya	x	
Vacant		

** Mayor Curtis McCall, Jr. was no longer an elected official at the time of this meeting. Although Mayor McCall, Jr.’s name is reflected in the roll call above, he neither counted towards quorum nor any motions taken by the R3 Program Board.*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
- b. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established

II. Approval of the Agenda for 06/24/21 and the Minutes from 05/07/21

- a. Approval of the Agenda for 06/24/21
 - i. Moved by Michael Hubbard
 - ii. Seconded by Alderperson Michael Scott, Jr.
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
- b. Approval of the Minutes from 05/07/21
 - i. Moved by Dr. David Olson
 - ii. Seconded by Sharisse Kimbro
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions

III. Chairperson’s Remarks

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton noted that she has begun visiting R3 Program grantee sites and looks forward to continuing these visits. Lt. Governor Stratton also noted existing vacancies on the R3PB and new seats added through the recent trailer bill to the *Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act*; she encouraged board members to share with her office the names and contact information of any candidates they recommend for filling these seats
- b. Darteresia Pitts conducted a conflict of interest check with all present R3PB members via roll call. The following conflicts were noted on the record:
 - i. Alderperson Michael Scott, Jr.:
 1. Boxing Out Negativity (because it is in his ward)
 2. Lawndale Christian Legal Center
 - ii. Jalon Arthur:
 1. Boxing Out Negativity
 2. Southwest Organizing Project (a.k.a. SWOP)
 3. Lawndale Christian Legal Center

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IV. New Business

- a. Emergency Summer Violence Response Pilot Program
 - i. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Acting Director Adams presented a brief overview of the need for the Emergency Summer Violence Response Pilot Program and the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for this Program
 - ii. ICJIA Acting Director Adams briefly discussed the process to ensure that equity was folded into the NOFO process and the grant application review process
 - iii. ICJIA Acting Director Adams noted that there are 21 organizations being recommended for awards; she then noted, on the record, the names and award amount for each organization
 - iv. **Motion:** Increase Summer Violence Pilot Program Funding
 1. Moved by Sharisse Kimbro
 2. Seconded by Dr. David Olson
 3. Discussion:
 - a. Leader Lightford: I think that \$11M seems to be a low number to cover the state, and the number of groups being funded isn’t sufficient. Is there a reason why we landed on \$11M?
 - b. ICJIA Acting Director Adams: this funding came from FY21 R3 Program funding, so ICJIA did not know about additional federal funding at the time of this program being implemented. This is on top of the \$31.5M that the first round of R3 Program funding put on the streets
 - c. Leader Lightford: how many of the groups on this list have been funded from the \$31.5M?
 - d. ICJIA Acting Director Adams: none; it was a requirement that folks not be R3 Program grant recipients
 - e. Leader Lightford: a concern that I and other members in the Black Caucus have is the smaller community organizations that didn’t survive the Rauner administration. From this list, I see that larger entities that aren’t in the community but say they serve community are being funded. This is offensive to a lot of folks. I’m curious to know what we can do differently to ensure that the community groups that have actually served the community can be supported?
 - f. Lt. Governor Stratton: this is a pilot program being funded by left over R3 Program funding. One thing we’ve heard from all stakeholders is that grassroots organizations is where we want to focus our funding
 4. 21 members in favor
 - a. Leader Gordon-Booth had not yet joined the meeting and so was not able to vote on this motion
 5. No opposition
 6. No abstentions
 - v. **Motion:** Approve Summer Violence Pilot Program Grantees
 1. Proposed Grantees:
 - a. Bethel Family Resource Center: The Peace Project
 - b. Boxing Out Negativity
 - c. Build, Inc., Crisis Response Unit

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- d. Community Development Sustainable Solutions
 - e. CircEsteem, Inc.
 - f. Community Assistance Programs
 - g. CS+X Foundation
 - h. Free Lunch Academy
 - i. GAP Community Center
 - j. K.L.E.O. Community Family Life Center
 - k. Lawndale Christian Legal Center
 - l. Lights of Zion Ministries
 - m. Quad County Urban League, Inc.
 - n. Reflections Foundation
 - o. Restoring the Path: Crushers Club
 - p. Rincon Family Services
 - q. Saving Lives, Inc.
 - r. South Shore Drill Team and Performing Arts Ensemble
 - s. Southwest Organizing Project
 - t. The Outlet
 - u. Youth with a Positive Direction
- 2. Moved by Dr. David Olson
 - 3. Seconded by Sharisse Kimbro
 - 4. Discussion:
 - a. Dr. Olson: can you explain the review process?
 - i. Gregory Stevens (of ICJIA): we used reviewers from an existing database of reviewers; we also used internal reviewers at ICJIA Reviewers were in teams of three
 - ii. Dr. Olson: was there a threshold score that folks had to pass to receive funding?
 - iii. Gregory Stevens (of ICJIA): you had to get score of at least 70
 - b. Sylvia Puente: I’m concerned about the racial diversity of the reviewers and whether there is flexibility in scoring the applicants
 - i. Acting Director Adams: we will get that back to you and the entire R3 Program Board on this
 - c. Jalon Arthur: I think the response to the pressing need to address violence is in the right direction. My knowledge of some of the groups on the list and the work they do on the ground—I have mixed feelings about them. I genuinely don’t know how some groups on this list made their way on the list
 - d. Leader Lightford: I believe Sylvia Puente just hit on one of the points I was going to make. It’s important to note that there are a lot of small but mighty organizations; larger groups tend to be disconnected from communities. I ask that this be taken into consideration during the process
 - e. Lt. Governor Stratton: thank you. This is a narrative we hear often. It’s important to lift up these types of organizations and ensure that equity drives us every step of the way
 - 5. 18 members in favor
 - a. Leader Gordon-Booth had not yet joined the meeting and so was not able to vote on this motion

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- b. Representative David Welter, Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza, and Jalon Arthur were not available for this vote as they had to depart from the meeting early; quorum was maintained in their absence
- 6. No opposition
 - 7. No abstentions
- b. R3 Program Status Update
 - i. Grant Executions
 - 1. Charise Williams (of ICJIA): we've executed all but 8 of the R3 Program grants. We have about \$2M on the streets right now. We want to have all grants executed by the end of the week
 - ii. Technical Assistance
 - 1. No discussion occurred
 - iii. **Motion:** Extend Funding for Qualified 1st-Round Awardees
 - 1. Moved by Alderperson Michael Scott, Jr.
 - 2. Seconded by Mayor Richard Irvin
 - 3. Discussion:
 - a. Charisse Williams (of ICJIA): we would like to extend funding for qualified 1st-round awardees of the R3 Program so that they can have continuous funding throughout this and next summer; additionally, we want to be sure that we are able to properly evaluate these grantees
 - b. ICJIA Acting Director Adams: essentially, we'd like to have a multi-year opportunity for the first round of funding
 - c. Sharisse Kimbro: would the extended funding occur without insight from the R3 Program Board?
 - d. Charisse Williams (of ICJIA): we would run necessary decisions by the R3PB
 - 4. 17 members in favor
 - a. Representative David Welter, Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza, Jalon Arthur, and Bethany Little were not available for this vote as they had to depart from the meeting early; quorum was maintained in their absence
 - b. Clerk Anna Valencia was not present during this vote, but was otherwise present during this meeting
 - 5. No opposition
 - 6. No abstentions
- c. Status Update on the 2nd Round of R3 Program Funding
 - i. ICJIA Acting Director Adams: we have most grants executed and grantees are providing services this summer. We're doing site visits and beginning to build out what the grantee program review process will look like moving forward
 - ii. Lt. Governor Stratton: there are organizations that many of you know in your communities. We want to know about these organizations to ensure ICJIA can provide notice of funding opportunities

V. Member Updates

- a. No member updates

VI. Public Comments

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- a. No public comments

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn moved by Michael Hubbard at 2:25 p.m.